



# toktok!

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a news & prayer letter from the Connors partner church missionaries with mission partners, the Australian Presbyterian World Mission (9792 1374)



*In this toktok we would like to give you a bigger picture of the overall work that we and the Williamsons are involved in here. Over the coming months we will share more about our hopes & plans for this work and about how God has been working here.*

## Our work at Talua

- 1. Training pastors and lay-workers by teaching at Talua.** This is the main part of our work and takes most of our time. Currently all new pastors for the Presbyterian and Anglican churches in Vanuatu train at Talua. You will hear us speak about many other projects, but the bulk of our time and energy goes into lesson preparation, teaching in the classroom, marking etc. Talua will introduce a degree course in 2008, and a lot of our effort will also go into setting up this program.
- 2. Mentoring or discipling students.** Students benefit greatly from meeting outside of class with a more mature Christian to read the Bible, pray and talk about issues in their lives. The College is setting up a mentoring program and Glen especially is working on developing this program; including one-to-one discipleship and practical training.
- 3. Training preachers throughout Vanuatu.** Andrew Williamson is working with Langham Partnership to try to provide more opportunities for pastors in Vanuatu to become better preachers. See the information below.
- 4. Equipping pastors and other workers by writing Bislama resources.** Rosemary Williamson has already written a number of Bislama books on the Old Testament, and Andrew and Rosemary are now leading a small team at Talua that is working full time on a Vanuatu Bible Commentary with the support of Langham Partnership. We are also working on a few other projects to prepare them for distribution outside Talua.
- 5. Distributing English and Bislama resources.** Glen is responsible for the book shop at Talua. This has grown over the years and we are considering significantly expanding the book shop to become a major distributor of resources in Vanuatu and the Pacific.

### Please Pray:

*Please keep praying for all of this work listed on the left.*

*Pray for us and for the Willimasons to work diligently and faithfully; in love and humility; and to keep learning to communicate and serve in a different culture.*

## Langham Preaching Conference

Delegates from all over Vanuatu (some from PNG and the Solomon Islands) and from different denominations met in Port Vila just after Easter for the inaugural Langham Preaching Seminar in the Pacific. Rev. Chris Wright taught powerfully, urging people to know and preach the word of God faithfully and passionately. Many grew in their confidence in the word to save and to change lives and many are keen to keep meeting in preaching clubs to work on their preaching together. *(note: we were not at the conference)*



*Photo courtesy of Wendy Toulmin, Langham Partnership Australia*

### Please Pray:

- praising God for a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth;*
- thanking God for providing safe travel for everyone;*
- that the small preaching clubs would eventuate and would be helpful*
- that as God's word is proclaimed, it would not come back to him empty;*
- thanking God for the work of Andy Willimanson and Philip Joses in organizing and running the conference.*